

Cadet's death: soldiers didn't torture hotel staff to death, says DHQ



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The cadet allegedly drowned at Damgrete Hotel in Umuahia, Abia State, on April 9.

The Defence Headquarters is probing the military personnel who interrogated the four staff members of an hotel where a cadet died.

The Director Defence Information, Brig.-Gen. Tukur Gusau, in a statement yesterday, said after the cadet's death, troops of Operation UDO KA in Abia invited four staff members of the hotel for interrogation to 'ascertain the actual cause of his death'.

According to him, after questioning, the staff members were allowed to go.

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He said: "As at when they were released, nothing happened to anyone of them. They all left for their destination unharmed, hale and healthy.

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"However, information later received from the hotel was that one of them complained of his health and was rushed to the [Federal](#) Medical Center, Umuahia, where he was confirmed dead on arrival.

"While it is heartbreaking and unfortunate to hear about the demise, Operation UDO KA as a professional military organisation that operates within the ambit of the law has arrested all personnel involved in the interrogation process. Preliminary investigation is ongoing to ascertain the actual cause of death of the said hotel staff.

"While condoling with the bereaved family, the military assures them that if any of its personnel is found culpable, such personnel will face the wrath of the law."